MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): With regard to answer to part (*b*) may I know why the claims of the undergraduates were overlooked?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): They have not been overlooked. The explanation is given in the answer itself.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know the names of the undergraduates who were overlooked?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information here.

MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know if they are in service now?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

Introduction of spinning in schools.

290. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With reference to paragraph 23 of the *Administration Report* for 1106 of the Education Department, will the Government be pleased to state the reason for not carrying on the experiment of the introduction of spinning in schools with sufficient zest?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Spinning as a form of manual training was introduced as an experimental measure in 22 selected vernacular middle schools, of which 16 are boys' schools and 6 girls' schools. The question of introducing spinning in more schools will be considered when the present financial situation improves.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In paragraph 23 of the *Administration Report* of the Education Department it is stated that spinning as a form of manual training was introduced as an experimental measure in 22 selected vernacular middle schools but that the experiment was not pursued with sufficient zest. I wish to know why the experiment was not pursued with sufficient zest. That is my question and there is no answer to that?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was because neither the parents who sent their children to school nor the pupils themselves showed any zest in regard to that training.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it because sufficient number of students were not forthcoming to get training in spinning?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The pupils do not very much take to it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): How does the department say that pupils do not very much take to it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is the report of the Inspecting Officers of the Department.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikaa* cum *Katikapalli*): Is it stated as a reason that the number of students was going down?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Then may I know how the Inspecting Officers have reported to this effect?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got that information.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know how this inference was drawn?

MR. K GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is the inference drawn by actual inspection by the officers of the Department.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know on what basis they drew their inference?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was their own assumption on inspection.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether all the Inspectors reported to that effect?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Not all, but only the Inspector of Boys' Schools and the Inspectress of Girls' Schools.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Were they unanimously of opinion that pupils did not show sufficient zest?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was not much zest.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was the want of zest on the part of boys, the teachers and the parents alike?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): On the part of students, their parents and the teachers also.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know why there was not sufficient zest on the part of teachers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That there is no zest is seen from the proposals of the Retrenchment Committee which has cut the items of expenditure on spinning.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Does it show any want of zest on the part of the Retrenchment Committee or the people?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): On the part of the people.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was it the opinion of the non-official members of the Retrenchment Committee?

PRESIDENT That is beyond the scope of the question.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know when spinning as a form of manual training was introduced as an experimental measure?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I do not remember the exact date. It was some years ago.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Was it seven or eight years ago ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Five or six years ago.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know what was the result of the experiment that was tried till now?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is stated in the *Administration Report.*

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : It is not stated on whose part there was no zest.

Action on the resolution re abolition of the toll-gate at Neduvangad.

291. **MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have accepted the resolution passed by the Council regarding the abolition of thet oll-gate at Neduvangad;

(*b*) whether the toll-gate contractors under the Public Works Department bar the gates for the purpose of collecting tolls ; and

(*c*) if so, whether the Government have authorised them to do so?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) There is no specific authorisation but that is the practice which has not been prohibited.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : With reference to answer to part (*c*), may I know whether there is any authority for that practice in the Tolls Recovery Regulation ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : There is no authority. It is stated in the answer that there is no specific authorisation.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): If that is not authorised by the Government, may I know by whom is it authorised and for whose interest ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : It has been authorised by the contractors for their own interests. There is no higher authority.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*) : Have the Government ascertained whether the practice is not opposed to the provisions of the Tolls Recovery Regulation ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) ; Government have not done that.

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